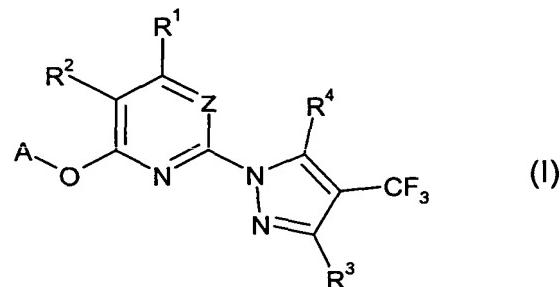


What is claimed is:

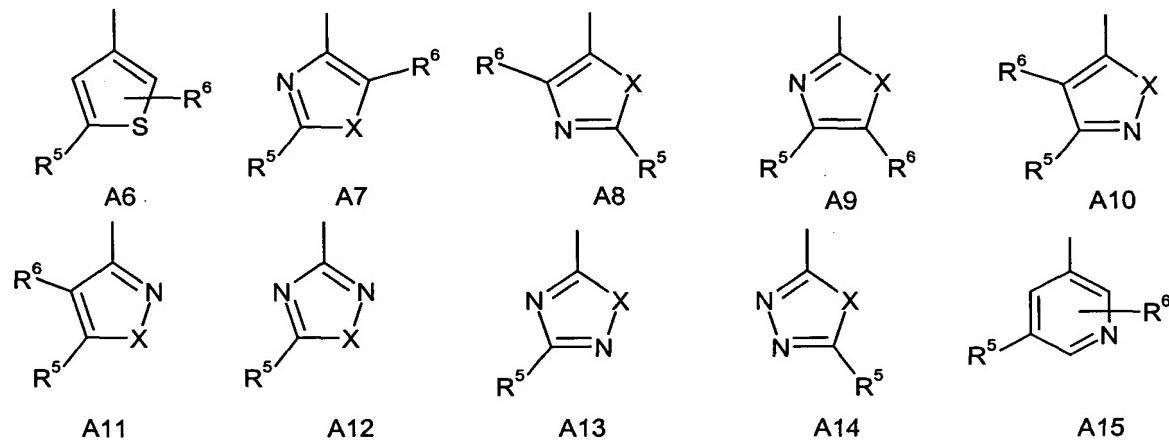
1. A compound of the formula (I) or an N-oxide or salt thereof,



in which the radicals and indices have the following definitions:

Z is N or CR^8 ;

A is a radical from the group A6 to A15:



R^1 and R^2 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, isocyano, OH, COOR^{10} , COR^{10} , CH_2OH , CH_2SH , CH_2NH_2 , NO_2 , ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl, halo-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$)-cycloalkyl, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkoxy, halogen-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkoxy, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkoxy-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$)-alkenyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$)-alkynyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4$)-alkenyloxy, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4$)-alkynyoxy, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkylthio-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkyl, $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^9$, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkylsulfonyl-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$)-alkyl, NH_2 , ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl-NH, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$)-alkyl-CO-NH, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl-SO₂NH or di-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkylamino;

R^3 and R^4 independently are each hydrogen, halogen, cyano, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl, halo-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkyl, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkoxy or halo-($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)-alkoxy;

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, halo-(C₃-C₅)-cycloalkyl, SF₅, S(O)_nR⁹, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, (C₁-C₃)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino or S(O)_nR⁹;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

X is oxygen or sulfur;

n is 0, 1 or 2.

2. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Z is CR⁸.

3. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen, halogen, methyl, methoxy or trifluoromethyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, methoxy, methyl or ethyl, and

R² is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, cyano, ethynyl, vinyl or formyl.

5. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ and R⁴ independently are each hydrogen or methyl.

6. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁸ is hydrogen, halogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl.

7. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R⁵ is halogen, cyano, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio.

8. A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl.
9. A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.
10. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.
11. A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or of a herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 or 10 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.
12. The use of a compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or of a herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 or 10 to control unwanted plants.
13. The use as claimed in claim 12, wherein the compound of the formula (I) is used to control unwanted plants in crops of useful plants.
14. The use as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.